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| First Named Inventor | Andrew L. DiRienzo | <p style="text-align: center;">RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</p> |
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| <p>Title: SYSTEMS FOR RECEIVING AND FORMING MARKETPLACES FOR WORKING ON DIGITAL INFORMATION BLOCKS</p> | | |

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 27, 2007, Applicant elects Group I (claims 103-108, 112, 152-153, 156-158, 170-175 and 177) with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

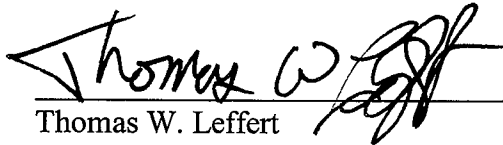
Although the Restriction Requirement asserts that no claim is generic, Applicant contends that one or more of the elected claims of Group I are, in fact, generic to claims of Group II. In particular, Applicant notes that claims 154, 155, 169 and 176 of Group II depend directly or indirectly from independent claims of Group I. Applicant further notes that the Restriction Requirement defines Group I to include computer systems presenting a user with an ordered set of links responsive to bid amounts while it defines Group II to include computer systems presenting a user with an ordered set of links ordered by both bit amount and at least one additional criteria or additional variables, suggesting that Group I defines claims generic to claims of Group II. Should a generic claim be allowed, Applicant would be entitled to consideration of unelected claims that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representative at (612) 312-2204 if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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